

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No.: : 10/718,857 Confirmation No. 1362
Applicant: : Crawford, et al.
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Group Art Unit: : 3624
Examiner: : Fleischer, Mark
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Customer No. : 48816

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action having a mailing date of January 16, 2009, with a three-month shortened statutory period set to expire on April 16, 2009, Applicants respectfully request a continued examination of the present application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, and request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections in light of the following remarks and amendments:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8.

No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0461.

Note that Applicants paid for seven independent claims and twenty-four total claims when the Application was filed on November 21, 2003. The Application currently

includes three independent claims and fifteen total claims. Therefore, no fees are due for additional claims, as Applicants have already paid for at least the number of claims remaining in the Application.